



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2011-2012

January 27, 2016

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Re: Applicant Name: PECOS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST
Billed Entity Number: 143281
Form 471 Application Number: 785098
Form 486 Application Number: 1083213
Funding Request Number(s): 2129017
Your Correspondence Dated: November 09, 2015

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2011 Form 486 Notification Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

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Decision on Appeal: **Denied**

Explanation:

- USAC has determined that your FCC Form 486 was not filed within 120 days calculated from May 5, 2015 the date of the FCDL or the Service Start Date (SSD) 07/1/2011 indicated on the FCC Form 486, whichever is later. On September 11, 2015, USAC mailed an "Urgent Reminder" letter providing you with additional time and a new deadline to submit and/or certify your FCC Form 486. Your FCC Form 486 was postmarked and certified on October 2, 2015, which is after the new deadline date. Consequently, the SSD has been revised to June 4, 2015, 120 days before the FCC Form 486 postmark date. If the funding commitment includes recurring charges then the funding commitment has been reduced accordingly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all

forms are submitted to USAC in a correct and timely manner. As a result, your appeal is denied.

- FCC rules require applicants to use recurring services within the relevant funding year and to implement non-recurring services by the applicable deadline established by the Commission. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.507(d). The FCC Form 486 informs USAC when the applicant is scheduled to receive or has received services in the relevant funding year from the named service provider. The receipt of a properly completed FCC Form 486 triggers the process for USAC to receive invoices. In order for an applicant to receive discounts retroactively to the Service Start Date (SSD), the FCC Form 486 should be postmarked no later than 120 days after the SSD featured on the FCC Form 486 or no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL), whichever is later. When an applicant has missed a deadline to file its FCC Form 486, it is given an additional 20 calendar days from the date of receipt of USAC's written notice to file or amend its FCC Form 486 and receive services retroactively to the SSD. *See* Request for Review and Waiver of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Alaska Gateway School District, Tok, AK, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-412028, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, 21 FCC Red 10186-10187, DA 06-1871, para. 8 (rel. Sep. 14, 2006).

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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